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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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In the matter of:

Amendment of Part 97 of the
Commission's Rules Governing
The Amateur Radio Service to
Guarantee quality and prompt
Amateur frequency coordination
Service for repeater stations
(Section 97.205), auxiliary
stations (Section 97.201)
and such other stations for which the
Commission's rules may in the
Future recommend or require
Frequency coordination by
Introducing the concept of
Competition among frequency
Coordination organizations like
That which the Commission has
Recently introduced in the Private
Land Mobile Service

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To: The Commission

PROPOSAL

Introduce the concept of competition that is mandating by regulation the possibility of competing frequency coordinators for the same pool of frequencies in the same geographic area for the same user base for the Amateur Radio Service and mandate by regulation that all such frequency coordinators be required to cooperate with all other such frequency coordinators. The Commission recently did this in the Private Land Mobile Service in a Report and Order titled "Consolidation Plan for the Private Land Mobile Radio Service Below 800 MHz," dated February 20, 1997.

DISCUSSION

The "American Way" has always been to do everything possible to foster competition. When there is competition in the production of goods and services what happens? Quality goes up and cost goes down. Manufacturers and service providers who did not provide excellence at a fair price either changed their ways or the marketplace punished them and eventually puts them out of business. This is the "American Way." Who benefits? Everybody except the substandard providers of goods and service.

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Here in Indiana the only frequency coordination organization for many years has been the Indiana Repeater Council, herein called the IRC. This organization has developed into what many Indiana Amateur Radio Service Licensees believe to be a corrupt, inefficient organization, which has for years provided a service, which can only be described as abysmal. Evidence of this in the form of letters and electronic mail transmissions is attached to this petition in Appendix I. The IRC has violated it's own rules resulting in cases of serious interference. There has been at least one case of an officer using insider information for the benefit of one of his friends and at the expense of an organization which was to provide an Amateur Radio communications supplement to the sparse law enforcement and emergency services in a remote part of the State which is used as a recreational area by tens of thousands of persons daily during the vacation season.

In response to these and other abuses the Midwest Spectrum Management Alliance, Inc, herein referred to as MiSMA was formed. MiSMA currently has a membership of 231 all of whom have signed the following affidavit:

YES! I would like you to keep working for me, and
Recognize **MISMA, Inc.** as my frequency coordinator
As per 47 CFR, Section 97.3 (a) (21).

Call Sign: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

A list of signers, in the order received is attached in Appendix II.

The aforementioned IRC in their March 1997 Newsletter list a current membership of 117 which includes 9 who have applied for membership but have not as yet been voted in per the IRC Bylaws and 6 more have membership expiration dates which are earlier then today's date. This means that the IRC has 102 current members. This makes the membership of MiSMA 2.26 times as great as that of the IRC and even if you allow the IRC's pending and expired members the membership of MiSMA is twice that of the IRC. The membership lists of both organizations are to be found in Appendix II.

Even though MiSMA's support among the Indiana Amateur Radio Community is so clearly greater than that of the IRC the surrounding state organizations refuse to cooperate with MiSMA even though MiSMA has cooperated with them in every possible way. This creates a situation, which needs to be addressed by regulation. The appropriate regulatory relief is to simply require that all frequency coordinators cooperate with each other.

The current move by a number of frequency coordinators to band together into the so called National Frequency Coordination Council, Inc. to form a so called Single Point of Contact or SPOC is simply an effort to enshrine mediocrity and prevent the Amateur Radio Community from turning out an organization which has either become corrupt or which for some other reason fails to meet their needs. This is the antithesis of the American Way.

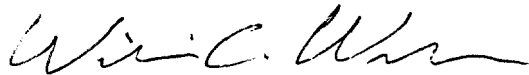
The American Radio Relay League, Inc. claimed that the so-called SPOC was an idea, which originated with The Commission. However I filed a Freedom of Information Act request with the Commission and obtained among other documents a letter from Marshall Quiat, the ARRL Rocky Mountain Division Director to Mr. Ralph Haller of the Commission Staff which proves that the idea of a SPOC did not originate with the Commission. This letter was published as a part of an article

which I wrote for the September 1996 issue of "73 Amateur Radio Today." I was at the time the article was written the Chairman of the IRC and therefore a participant in the events, which are covered in the article. This article is contained in Appendix III.

CONCLUSION

Competition is a good thing. It leads to the best possible service being provided at the lowest possible cost. The Commission should endorse the concept of competition among frequency coordinators in the Amateur Radio Service in the same way that has now done in the Private Land Mobile Service.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W.C. Wells", is written over a horizontal line.

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Member of the Board of Directors of
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May 5, 1997

Appendix I

**A Sample of Email Messages Complaining About the
Indiana Repeater Council**

Subject: Re: TARS Certificates

Date: Sat, 03 May 1997 16:00:32 -0500

From: "Terry L. Brooks" <tbrooks@evansville.net>

Organization: AA9MM

To: wa8hsu@netusa1.net

William C. Wells wrote:

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> Terry:
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> Did the certificates and maps for the TARS repeaters arrive OK?
> --
> 73, Bill Wells - WA8HSU
> Coordination and Technical Chairman
> Midwest Spectrum Management Alliance, Inc.
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> "Spectrum Management into the Next Millennium"

They arrived and Hal is very pleased with the service and quality.
BTW

It's been since the third week of Dec since papers were submitted to
the IRC. You guessed it..... Nothing yet. Need I say more ?

tb

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AA9MM

Terry L. Brooks (tbrooks@evansville.net)

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Evansville IN 47702-0333

Sir:

I am a repeater owner/operator in Indiana and feel I must speak my mind on the issue of the MiSMA and the IRC. As the sole owner of my repeater and as the Past Vice President of TARS (Tri-State Amateur Radio Society) I know first hand of the "SEVERE" problems associated with anything Mr. Hensley gets his hands on. It has been my personal experience that facts are distorted to fit the current needs of Mr. Hensley and not the advancement of the amateur radio community. I have received copies of messages Mr. Hensley has sent you about Mr. Wells. How Mr. Hensley can sleep at nights is a question in my mind.

I strongly urge you to consider the supported facts of the MiSMA and to watch your back with statments made by the IRC. I have attempted to remain neutral in the situation and did seek coordination from both groups. It now appears that I can no longer remain neutral and must speak up in an attempt to protect repeater owners/operators. I was requested by the IRC to submit a fee of \$8.00 for membership in the IRC. This was sent to the president of the IRC and I did receive an e-mail message from him stating "I got it". That has been some time ago and I have not received further communication from the IRC. They have my \$8.00 for dues and I have nothing. It appears that this is the normal way the IRC does business.

On the other hand the MiSMA responded with re-coordination within a week and sent the updated coordination certificate. This is a professional group of amateur operators that are interested in making our repeaters a better place for all. I have nothing but good words to say about this group and have never met any of them.

Yourself and the ARRL will be receiving formal letters from amateur operators in the Southern portion of Indiana stating our concerns. I strongly urge you to "read between the lines", and to listen to the amateurs that are asking for nothing except to be heard.

I also need to tell you and those involved that I have never met members of the IRC so there are no personal conflicts involved. In my opinion it's quite simple, the IRC has dealt the amateurs a low blow and I am crying foul !

Respectfully,

Terry Brooks
AA9MM

-- AA9MM Terry L. Brooks (tbrooks@evansville.net) 209 N. W. 8th St. Apartment B Evansville IN 47708

Subject: Reply: Neil's Email**Date:** Wed, 26 Mar 1997 00:18:32 -0500 (EST)**From:** WB9SHY@aol.com**To:** NeilRapp@aol.com, wa8hsu@netusa1.net, wzehner@skynet.net, n9xdw@surf-ici.com, w9lvy@netusa1.net, WhitBrown@aol.com, rpt@pwrte.com, ken@midohio.net, jmabey@arrl.org, enorris@netusa1.net, kb9mt@prodigy.net, kk9t@chattanooga.net, dick@po.box.netusa1.net**CC:** tbrooks@evansville.net, ka9okh@juno.com, rtubbs@evansville.net, nking.ucs@smtp.usi.edu, kmartin@world.com, aa9kq@evansville.net, salee.ucs@smtp.usi.edu.netusa1.net, EM67@aol.com, halcarolcw@worldnet.att.net, edbwolf@evansville.net, kg9ae@surf-ici.com, dwd5400@worldnet.att.net, CLANTAFF@aol.com, besche@usnotes.bms.com, n9xaw@evansville.net, wcook@evansville.net, K4lrx@aol.com, kg9ds@evansville.net, WB9SHY@aol.com

Neil, et all:

Below is the paragraph Neil wrote regarding the assignment of 145.41

In a message dated 97-03-19 15:26:49 EST, NeilRapp writes:

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Then, there's this whole 5.41 deal. When Steve Wilson called and asked for the frequency, I had just tried to de-coordinate the system in Indianapolis. The guy was in poor health, and hadn't been able to fix it. I told him

he had 30 days to put it back on. He did so. So, when Steve called, I told

him that it wasn't available because I knew that I had just dealt with that situation not more than 2 months prior. I was able, however, to find Steve a short spaced pair. I'm sorry if they aren't happy with that, but it's

the best that could be done at the time. Almost a year later, the 5.41 owner calls me up, tells me that his health is failing, and that he's turning the repeater off that night. So, the frequency opened up. The next day, Marty called me and requested it. I didn't call him... he called me. I have

no idea how he found out about it, but he did. He was thus first in line for the pair. But, because we are friends and I knew someone could falsely accuse me of foul play, I told him "no", and to wait and see if anyone else applied for it. He did so, reluctantly. After three months, there were still no applications for the pair. Marty called again, and I told him that no one had applied for the frequency for three months, and that he could

go ahead and apply for it. I went ABOVE the guidelines on this one, and you still say there was foul play? I sent you all the documentation to prove this, and you still say there was foul play? You said that he shouldn't have one because he already had several, when the fact was that he had one on

440. Then you said it wasn't on the air. I had been to Indianapolis and checked on it without any notice, and it was on the air. It appears to me that this is just one more political move against a political enemy. I don't believe in letting politics into coordination... they either meet the guidelines or they don't. Period. >>

You may chose to believe this BS if you want, but I know the truth.

This frequency was continuously monitored for 4 months prior to the Tri-Res ARA applying for it. Upon receipt of the application, and a follow up phone call from me later, Neil flatly and instantly denied the coordination, with the response that "There is a system on the air in Indianapolis on that frequency. I'll try to find you another pair." So Tri-Res continued to monitor 145.41 for another month as well as trying every possible sub-audible tone transmitted, to try to bring this system up. There was NO system on the air during this 5 month period. Some people in Indy said that there had not been a system on the air on that pair for even longer than we had been monitoring it.

I again spoke with Neil, and told him that there was no system on the air on that frequency. His response this time was that the system owner had just this week notified him that lightning had hit the system, but he would have it back up within 30 days. At this point Neil assigned the frequency of 146.955 which was VERY short spaced to Greensburg, Indiana with the provision that if anyone from that system complained, we would have to take the Tri-Res system off the air.

Needless to say, the Tri-Res member that obtained tower space for us was unwilling to to commit to a three hundred foot climb and all of the work and expense with the probability that Greensburg would definitely complain. We continued to monitor the 145.41 frequency for several more months, nothing was ever heard. We lost the opportunity to use the tower space. There was never a system on that frequency until the frequency coordinator for Misma started to give it to a group that requested it from Hendericks County. Then suddenly a very weak system appeared on the frequency.

It was the goal of Tri-Res to have a single 300 foot transmitter, centrally located between the three reservoirs, with a remote receiver at each of the other two reservoirs to the east and west. Thus providing for HT coverage of all three reservoirs. Each year tens of thousands of visitors and campers come to this remote part of Indiana. Because it is remote, law enforcement and emergency services are very sparse. With all of the visitors to this area however, there is a very real need for communications for lost child searches, drowning searches, disabled boat S&R, or lord forbid, a tornado come through one of the many campgrounds which are usually filled to capacity. Tri-Res was working with the FEMA director and it was his hope that we could get this thing together. Even the Sheriff departments do not have HT coverage out onto the reservoirs. I personally know of an incident where a ham had fallen down a cliff in Area 23 of the Salamonie Reservoir and was delayed getting medical attention for over 3 hours even though he had an HT right on his hip!

Neil, I have not spoke much in public about what transpired with Tri-Res. First because I was so upset about it all, second because it would involve a personal verbal attack on you. But YOU brought it up. You are the ONE that caused the demise of Tri-Res. That frequency pair WAS available and you held it and gave it to your friend MARTY. You told me personally that Tri-Res would be placed on the list for the first available "clear channel" pair if one became available. But YOU gave it to your friend Marty.

I appologize to anyone if you are offended by all of this. I also appologize for my bitterness about how coordination has been done in Indiana up to this time. You see, I was that ham who layed in the bottom of that ravine in Area 23 for over an hour, with a broken leg, desparetly trying to raise

one of the repeaters in the outlying towns. I guess you figured Marty and the metro area of Indy REALLY needed another repeater. So much for ham radio being of service to the public. Go tell your BS to someone else, Neil, I won't swallow it. I KNOW the truth. That is why I accepted the VP job in the IRC and that is WHY I am helping Wayne Zehner start Misma.

Indiana has had enough of that kind political pandering and BS.

Subject: Another IRC Screwup**Date:** Wed, 09 Apr 1997 12:35:27 +0100**From:** "William C. Wells" <wa8hsu@netusa1.net>**Organization:** Midwest Spectrum Management Alliance**To:** jmabey@arri.org

FYI

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73, Bill Wells - WA8HSU

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"Spectrum Management into the Next Millennium"

Subject: Re: Repeater Question**Date:** Wed, 09 Apr 1997 12:30:54 +0100**From:** "William C. Wells" <wa8hsu@netusa1.net>**Organization:** Midwest Spectrum Management Alliance**To:** "Terry L. Brooks" <tbrooks@evansville.net>

Terry L. Brooks wrote:

>
> Do you show a repeater in Jasper on the same *FREQ* pair as mine ? I am
> now hearing KB9LHX, which comes back to an amateur radio club in Jasper
> Indiana. I guess it could be a band opening but I didn't know of one
> that close.
>
> 73,
> Terry
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> 443.400 with same *pl* of 141.3
>
> --
> AA9MM
> Terry L. Brooks (tbrooks@evansville.net)
> P.O. Box 333
> Evansville IN 47702-0333

Terry:

The only repeaters I show in any of the databases in my possession on 443.400 in Indiana is your repeater and a repeater in Marion (Grant County) 200+ miles from you.

I also looked in the ARRL Repeater Directory 1994-1995 edition and 1996-1997 edition and I do not find it in either of these publications. I find your repeater in the 1996-1997 edition and the freq assigned to WB9SOT in Evansville in the 1994-1995 edition.

I think you are looking at either an IRC screwup or an uncoordinated repeater. Why don't you contact the owner of the repeater and see what he says. Because of the IRC-MiSMA split I have to kinda walk on eggs so I would appreciate your making the contact. You can tell him that I'm sure that I could find a frequency that was clear out 200+ miles for him in his part of the state.

There is no reason for this to happen in your part of the state, there are lots of assignable 440 MHz frequencies that are clear out for many miles. I just came up with one for KA9OKH that looks clear out to about

250 miles. I had a few questions about his application and am waiting for a reply to an Email before I issue an NOPC on his system.

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73, Bill Wells - WA8HSU
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Appendix II

**Official Membership List of the
Midwest Spectrum Management Alliance, Inc.
As of 04/17/97**

Followed by

**The Membership List of the
Indiana Repeater Council
As contained in the March 1997 issue
Of the Indiana Repeater Council Newsletter**

MiSMA Membership List as of 04/17/97

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Blue River Valley ARS	06-01-1998	KA9RRV	WA9AAV
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Central Indiana Six Meter Exp.	09-08-1997	N9XDW	N9RSJ
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Elnora Repeater Association	10-28-1997	KA9OHP	
Fairfield Amateur Radio Association	06-26-1998	WD8PRH	K8IYU
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Fulton County Amateur Radio Club	06-26-1997	W9KLC	W9ZLN
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Hamilton Co. RACES	07-08-2000	W9KD	K9YDO
Headquarters Radio Club	05-26-1997	N9DOO	
Hendricks Co. Amateur Radio Society	10-07-1997	WD9CXU	WB9CIF
Hendricks Co. UHF Society	10-07-1997	WB9CIF	WD9CXU
Henry County Wireless Assn.	02-28-1999	N9EYG	W9ML
Hoosier Hills Ham Club, Inc.	01-06-1997	WD9EWF	
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Indiana University ARC	09-30-1997	KQ9I	N9YYO
Indianapolis FAA ARC	09-28-1997	WB9IHS	WB9IQI
Indianapolis Repeater Association	1-31-1998	WB9PGW	AA9BZ
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KB9KZZ Rob Carroll	applying		

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KQ9Z Donn W. Baker	applying	WD9EQC	KQ9Z
Lafayette Amateur Repeater Corp.	05-31-1999	N9OKI	K9AHX
Lake Co. Emergency Management	05-31-1997	WN9Z	
Land of Lakes Amateur Radio Club - 2	11-30-1997	WD9DSN	WB9AEI
LaPorte Amateur Radio Club	02-28-1998	WD9ARW	NU9H
Laughery Valley Amateur Radio Club	12-31-1997	WD8NMZ	WA9BLA
Legion of Indianapolis DXers	11-30-1997	W9SU	WB9CEP
M-CARS	11-30-1997	KB9BIF	
Madison County Amateur Radio Club	01-06-1998	N9ETL	WA9CWE
Madison County Emergency Management	12-31-1997	WA9CWE	K9FOI
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Middletown Repeater Assn.	11-16-1997	N9FFS	KA9QIG
Monroe County Repeater Assn.	10-31-1997	WB9HXP	WB9TLH
Montgomery Co. CD/EMA	11-20-1997	WB9WOK	KB9HRS
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N9GPY Richard Sytsma	04-30-1997	N9GPY	
N9HHM Ronald Anderson	11-30-1999	N9HHM	
N9IXI Wesley L. Schaefer	11-01-1997	NR9M	NR9M
N9KRS Bob Burns	applying		
N9LQP Bert Baltus	11-30-1997	N9LQP	
N9LWD Dennis Houk	07-08-1997	N9LWD	KK9T
N9TZN Albert A. Spagnola	11-16-1997	N9TZN	N9NRY
N9WB / KB9BG	09-29-1998	N9WB	KA9QIG
NE9T Rufus Hardeman	10-12-1997	NE9T	
Northeastern Indiana ARC	11-20-1998	KA9RNY	K9ZBM
Northwest IN Rptr Grp	applying	N9IAA	
NT9H David R. Pruitt	05-26-1997	NT9H	
Old Post Amateur Radio Society	applying		
Orange Co. ARC	applying		
Owen Co. Amateur Radio Assoc.	applying	N9YVX	
Parker City 220 Club	05-31-1997	K9EKP	K9LXH
Peacock ATV	10-16-1997	KB9FO	none
Pike County Amateur Radio Club	11-30-1997	K9UQC	WB9NCE
Portage ARC	12-15-1997	N9SLQ	
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Porter County EMA/CD	10-23-1997	WD9EKL	W9PQQ
Portside Repeater Organization	11-29-1997	WB9PXT	
Raintree Amateur Radio Experimenters	11-15-1997	KA9QIG	N9RHY
Randolph County Hams	05-31-1997	KA9CCN	K9EKP
Ripley County Repeater Association	10-31-1998	N9SFW	KA9IRF
Robert E. Sours	06-10-1997	KF9UO	
Thomson Amateur Radio Club	09-25-1997	WB9CEP	AF9A
Tri-State Amateur Radio Society	04-16-1997	K5LPS	AA9MM
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WA9JLN Robert Lamprecht	11-15-1998	WA9JLN	
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WB9PLR William K. Shinn	12-31-1998	WB9PLR	
WB9UCF Fisher Body Amateur Radio Club	12-01-1997	WD9FVM	KF8FT
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WD9AVW John P. Morton	11-24-1997	WD9AVW	
WD9EME Larry Pittman	11-30-1997	WD9EME	
WD9HMH John W. Austin, Sr.	05-26-1999	WD9HMH	
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Appendix III

Magazine Article Which Contains a Document

Obtained From the Federal Communications Commission

By a Freedom of Information Act Request

Have We Been Had?

Again?

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I am sure that many of you have heard about what was called the "Big October Meeting." For those of you who have not, it was a meeting called by the ARRL for those of us in the frequency coordination community to discuss our problems and talk about setting up a national organization. I am Bill Wells WA8HSU, Chairman of the Indiana Repeater Council, and I attended that meeting. Why should you care about this? Well, this will have an impact on repeater coordination and band planning all over the country, so if you operate on the VHF/UHF bands or ever plan to operate on the VHF/UHF bands,

to respond to a request from the FCC that they (the FCC) be provided with a single point of contact to interface with the coordination community. In fact, we were sent a total of seven different agendas for this meeting if you count both those which arrived by Internet E-mail and those which arrived by good old USPS snail mail. All of these agendas contained the following item as agenda item number one:

1. Discussion and Decision: Response to FCC request that it be provided a single point of contact with the coordination community, through which the

chief, was there and gave a short address to the group following a pep talk by Rod Stafford. Following his address, Mr. Haller held a question and answer session. During the Q & A session, Steve Wilson WB9SHY, the vice chairman of the Indiana Repeater Council, put the following question to Mr. Haller: "... Did the FCC, YES or NO, request the single point of contact (discussion) for the Coordinators' Meeting?" Mr. Haller's answer was, "No, we did not request it." Several minutes later Steve Wilson, now holding up a copy of the meeting agenda said, "I am holding in my hand a copy of the meeting agenda which was published by the ARRL which states: 'Discussion and Decision: Response to FCC request that it be provided a single point of contact with the coordination community.' Did the FCC, YES or NO, request a single point of contact for the coordinators?" Mr. Haller's answer again was, "No, we did not request it." Following that answer Rod Stafford quickly assisted Mr. Haller down from the speaker's platform. There is a videotape of this available to anybody who doubts me on this point.

Several times during the meeting ARRL representatives stated that they (the ARRL) are not frequency coordinators and have no interest in becoming a frequency coordinator. If you have a very recent copy of the Amateur Radio Service Rules, please turn to 97.301 (e) (3). This rule now states: "No amateur station may transmit in the 219-220 MHz segment unless the licensee has given written notification of the station's specific geographic location for such transmission in order to be incorporated into a database that has been made available to the public. The notification must be given at least 30 days prior to

"Book publishing is something which the ARRL does very well and they make a lot of money doing it."

you'd better care! Before I continue, a definition of "Ex Parte Communications" might be helpful to you. An Ex Parte Communication is any communication which is not part of the public record, concerning a pending or proposed legal action (a rule-making is a legal action) which may influence the outcome of the action. Example: I talk to the judge who is conducting your trial for drunk driving and tell him that I saw you drinking with my wife and you were stoned. This is an Ex Parte Communication because I am not a witness; that is, I am not called to testify at the trial. Ex Parte Communications are not only immoral, they are also illegal. I ask you to consider the following material carefully and then ask yourselves if an Ex Parte Communication was involved.

The nation's frequency coordinators were called to this meeting in St. Charles, MO, by the ARRL. We were told that the first order of business was

FCC would recognize and support local and regional coordinators. (This was cut from an E-mail message which was sent on September 11, 1995, to the Coordinators Internet Remailer by Steve Mendelsohn WA2DHF, former ARRL Hudson division director, now the ARRL first vice president).

Well, this seems pretty clear-cut. We were told that the FCC had requested that the League set this thing up for them so we all went (some of us not very happily) to St. Charles MO, on October 7, 1995.

The ARRL had all their heavyweights there: President Rod Stafford, Executive Vice President Dave Sumner, General Council Chris Imlay, and half a dozen or so division directors and members of the executive council. This heavyweight presence would certainly belie the ARRL claim that they were only there to serve as meeting facilitator. Ralph Haller, the FCC deputy wireless bureau

making such transmission. The notification must be given to: The American Radio Relay League, 225 Main Street, Newington CT 06111-1494."

It sure sounds to me like the ARRL is in fact a frequency coordinator and has usurped coordination of 219-220 MHz from the local and regional frequency coordinators, such as the Indiana Repeater Council, which are defined in the FCC rules at 97.3 (a) (21).

When the meeting came to a close it appeared as if the ARRL had been appointed by the coordination community as the single point of contact with the FCC. The Indiana Repeater Council, seeing a secret agenda at work here, went away very dissatisfied with the outcome of the meeting. A weekly amateur radio tabloid broadcast erroneously reported that Indiana would never support the SPOC even though we had provided a written statement to its editor of the conditions under which we would support a SPOC.

I want to state for the record that the Indiana Repeater Council is satisfied with the work of the drafting committee which was appointed at the meeting and will support the new national organization which has been proposed.

As I stated, we saw a secret agenda at work so we decided to investigate. The Indiana Repeater Council filed a Freedom of Information Act request with the FCC, asking for information concerning the supposed FCC request for a SPOC. One document which we were sent was most interesting. It is a letter from the ARRL Rocky Mountain division director and Chairman of the ARRL Ad Hoc Repeater Committee to Ralph Haller.

The letter is herein quoted in full.

"Dear Mr. Haller:

I want to thank you for the most enjoyable visit Rod Stafford, Chris Imlay, and I had with you earlier this week. You were most cordial and *we appreciated your attention and input to our [emphasis added] repeater proposals.*

To summarize our meeting Monday, June 19, 1995:

1. The ARRL will hold a meeting in St. Louis, October 7, 1995.

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One thing is greater stability in the coordination community. This, everybody agrees, would be a good thing. There is something else which they would get if they were appointed as the SPOC: control of all the coordination databases, which would guarantee that they could publish any repeater directory product they wanted and be forever free from any possibility of being charged a

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So I call on the drafting committee to keep the SPOC organization completely free of the ARRL and to negotiate for the coordination community a fair royalty for the product of our collective labor. I would say that a good starting point for this negotiation would be 10% of the sales revenue plus 20% of the advertising revenue generated by the product to be licensed to be divided between the national organization and its underlying local and regional frequency coordination councils. What the ARRL and all other publishers would get for their money is better frequency coordination, more accurate databases, and greater stability in the frequency coordination community. The ARRL and other publishers would therefore be able to produce a higher quality product for you, the amateur community.

If you'd been a scientist a hundred years ago, how accurately could you have predicted the communications systems we have today, with cellular phones, paging, faxes, the Internet, and so on? Am I off-base to suggest that today's scientists have just as little chance of predicting what communications will be like in 2096 as those of a hundred years ago? And once you're with me on that, let's go to what communications systems

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